

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1186

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A RESOLUTION to honor of Harry Eden Bryan and Jean Young Bryan upon the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary on September 26, 2014.

WHEREAS, a happy marriage of fifty years is something always worth celebrating and honoring, in and of itself, serves as an example to present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, Harry Bryan, Jr. and Jean Young Bryan joined in connubial bliss on September 26, 1964, at Belmont Methodist Church in Nashville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Harry is the son of Harry and Nell Bryan and the descendant of a family who resided in Brunswick County, Virginia before the Revolutionary War, moving to Giles County shortly afterward; and

WHEREAS, Harry is a proud graduate of Castle Heights Military Academy in Lebanon, Tennessee and still serves on the board of the Alumni Association of that school; and

WHEREAS, Harry attended Vanderbilt University, later served in the United States Army and then full-time in the Tennessee Army National Guard, eventually moving back to Giles County and opening a renowned custom framing gallery, the Log House Gallery, which was later relocated to Lawrence County and operated as Powder Mill Frames; and

WHEREAS, Jean is the daughter of Benjamin and Mary Young and grew up in Fentress County, Tennessee, where she graduated from Clarkrange High School before attending Martin Methodist College in Pulaski, where she met Harry in her chemistry class; and

WHEREAS, the couple often talk about the “chemistry” they felt as they first began to notice each other in that classroom; and

WHEREAS, Jean and Harry continued their romance when Harry went to Vanderbilt University and Jean went to Peabody College, now part of Vanderbilt University; they later married and lived in Nashville before moving to Giles County; and

WHEREAS, Jean worked in the Endocrinology Department at Vanderbilt University Medical Center before joining the teaching profession in Giles County, where she taught seventh and eighth grade life and earth science for fifteen years, high school chemistry, and Advanced Placement and honors chemistry for twenty years; and

WHEREAS, Jean throws herself into every endeavor with vigor, spearheading the creation of the Giles County Science Fair when she was a junior high school teacher and leading teams of students to repeated victories against teams from several states year after year at the Chemistry Olympiad in North Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Jean has served as president of the Giles County Education Association and as a leader in the Delta Kappa Gamma Society for women educators, as a sponsor of various student organizations, and as a fundraiser and leader in many other associations; and

WHEREAS, Jean has served in numerous leadership roles as a very active member of First United Methodist Church of Pulaski; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being an award-winning professional framer, also engaging in art restoration and conservation as well as being a talented artist who first won statewide awards when he was ten and eleven years old, Harry is an avid and extremely skilled fly fisherman, whose den is lined with flies he tied, many of them from his own patterns and some from patterns created by his father; and

WHEREAS, Harry is a voracious reader and an indefatigable punster and raconteur, particularly of “shaggy dog” stories, with a favorite witticism being a lovely one – that he lives with the “catch of his life” – Jean; and

WHEREAS, Jean and Harry are the proud parents of Mary Nell Bryan and the Reverend Harriet Bryan; and

WHEREAS, Mary Nell and Harriet credit their parents with exemplifying and teaching them many important life lessons that enrich their lives and those of others - lessons such as kindness, integrity, humor, generosity, attentive appreciation and preservation of nature, curiosity, gentleness, open-mindedness, and love; now, therefore,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Jean Young Bryan and Harry Eden Bryan upon the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary on September 26, 2014, as we extend to them our warmest wishes for continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.